

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

The American media are rapidly becoming a propaganda machine under the control of a very few corporations and their government sponsors; this burgeoning institution limits or negates First Amendment press freedoms. Laws that prevent monopolies on the information that we are exposed to so frequently must be maintained, so as to ensure at least the illusion of First Amendment freedoms.